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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1082

Introduced by Assembly Member Nation

February 23, 2001

An act to amend Section 20441 of, to add Section ~~20424.5~~ 20423.5 to, and to repeal Section 20441.5 of, the Government Code, relating to public employee's retirement, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1082, as amended, Nation. Public employees' retirement: local safety members.

Under the Public Employees' Retirement Law, employees of contracting agencies classified as local safety members are entitled to generally higher benefits, and subject to higher contribution rates, than those employees classified as local miscellaneous members. County peace officers, as defined, are included within the local safety member classification. Existing law authorizes Monterey and Santa Clara Counties to designate specified park rangers as county peace officers for these purposes. Member contributions are deposited in the Public Employees' Retirement Fund, a continuously appropriated fund.

This bill would authorize contracting agencies to include specified ~~employees, whose primary functions fall within the scope of hazardous materials services,~~ *park rangers* within the local safety member classification and would expand to all *county* contracting agencies the authorization to designate specified employees in the Park Ranger class series as county peace officers for these purposes. The bill would make

an appropriation by increasing the amount of employee contributions to the Public Employees' Retirement Fund.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section ~~20424.5~~ 20423.5 is added to the
2 Government Code, to read:

3 ~~20424.5. "Local safety member" means any officer or~~
4 ~~employee of a contracting agency whose functions clearly fall~~
5 ~~within the scope of hazardous materials services, except one~~
6 ~~whose principal duties are those of a telephone operator, clerk,~~
7 ~~stenographer, machinist, or mechanic, even though that employee~~
8 ~~is subject to occasional call, or is occasionally called upon, to~~
9 ~~perform duties within the scope of hazardous materials services,~~
10 ~~but not excepting persons employed and qualifying as hazardous~~
11 ~~materials services personnel, irrespective of the duties to which~~
12 ~~they are assigned.~~

13 ~~This section shall not apply to any contracting agency nor to the~~
14 ~~employees of the contracting agency until the agency elects to be~~
15 ~~subject to this section by amendment to its contract with the board~~
16 ~~made pursuant to Section 20474 or by express provision in its~~
17 ~~contract with the board.~~

18 20423.5. "Local safety member" also includes any park
19 ranger employed by a contracting agency who is a peace officer
20 as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 830.31 of the Penal Code
21 and whose primary responsibility is maintaining the peace and
22 whose duties include law enforcement, emergency medical care
23 first response, or fire suppression and prevention.

24 *This section shall not apply to any contracting agency nor to the*
25 *employees of a contracting agency until the agency elects to be*
26 *subject to this section by amendment to its contract with the board*
27 *pursuant to Section 20474, or by express provision within its*
28 *contract with the board.*

29 SEC. 2. Section 20441 of the Government Code is amended
30 to read:

31 20441. "County peace officer" shall also include persons
32 employed by a county parks and recreation department whose
33 primary responsibility is maintaining the peace and whose duties

1 include law enforcement, emergency medical care first response,
2 or fire suppression and prevention in the Park Ranger class series.

3 This section shall not apply to the employees of any contracting
4 agency nor to any agency unless and until the contracting agency
5 elects to be subject to the provisions of this section by amendment
6 to its contract with the board, made as provided in Section 20474
7 or by express provision in its contract with the board.

8 SEC. 3. Section 20441.5 of the Government Code is repealed.

